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Dear Harold,

As you may know, we are deep in the heart of a coldwave that really is rugged - some reporting points within a few miles of my house said 35 degrees below zero this morning. Our trusty thermometer registered -8, which was cold enough for me! My little convertible does well to start in such weather, seeing as how it sits out all night with no garage to keep it warm. Casco Bay is freezing over, which is somewhat unusual for so early in the winter . and that raises major problems for the lobstermen (my younger son).

I received OINO during the mad holiday rush, and thought it must have been a second mailing because of the December postmark. (Am enclosing cash to cover.) The personal message from you inside the cover was nice! There are so many facts in the book that I shall have to re-read more than once, really. You did your usual marvelous job of researching and reporting, Harold. How you can keep up with so many developments is beyond me.

We are eagerly awaiting news on the Garrison-Bertrand confrontation in court. My info on that whole thing is negligible because so little truth filters into this area via TV or newspapers. I always know the nasty stuff on the network news (?) shows (Chet and Dave) is a whitewash anyway; they seem to make it crystal clear that nothing discounting the warren commission will ever be aired by them. I see dissenting letters in the NY Times, and the National Observer carries Oswald items quite often.

We enjoyed Christmas a lot, even tho my older son (Bruce) and his family couldn't make it to Maine this year for the first time. His Pan American job actually required him to work on Santa Claus Day . . and with air travel into this part of the country undependable in the winter, plus two Little People instead of just one now, the trip was "out" this year. They will be home in the spring . . and in the meantime I shall plan to spend a few days with them somewhere along the line.

You'll be glad to know that my term paper, "One of the Credibility Gaps in the Warren Commission Report," came back

* Decided to send check; you know how much I trust the USM /

without a correction mark on it . . and the Prof said it was the "best of the lot." That pleased me because many of the students played up to the poetry-oriented Prof and wrote papers on Robert Frost, Thomas Hardy and the Brownings. It looked as if mine was the only controversial subject tackled at all. We are due for final exams next Monday and the following Monday; one will be two hours of essay writing, the other two hours of objective question answering. Then I will probably enroll for the second semester, which will keep me constructively occupied for another few months! My $37\frac{1}{5}$ hours at the company plus school plus my reading should be enough to keep anybody busy . . but I answered an ad a couple of days ago for a full-time or part-time commercial copy writer. I told them (it was a blind ad so I have no idea what kind of an outfit it is) that I could do as much good copy in my spare time as most people could do full time! So they'll probably never follow it up, thinking I'm some kind of a kook. But it's true; some of the local radio station ads are so rotten that a little kid could improve on them.

Well, I must get back to my editorial chores. Hope things are in good order where you are . . and do let me know if you're to be on any talk shows within our reception area - like WCAU, WOR, WEEI, WBZ, etc. And what will your next book be?

My best to Lillian, and to you.

Sincerely,